

REMARKS

Summary of Telephone Interview.

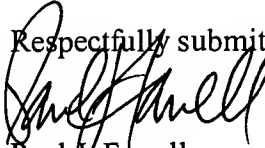
Record is made of a telephonic interview with Examiner Nguyen Hoang Ngo on September 14, 2006 at which the following issue was discussed and resolution reached:

§102 (b) anticipation rejection under Galand et al. (US 6,188,698).

It was brought to the Examiner's attention that Galand was issued on February 13, 2001 whereas the instant application was filed on November 28, 2001. Therefore, the §102 (b) anticipation rejection is improper. Consequently, the finality of the last Office Action must be rescinded.

The Examiner, after considering the matter, agreed to reissue a new Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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